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To FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to oppose Commission's proposed Part 97 Rules change that would eliminate a proficiency in Morse code telegraphy as an examination requirement for issuing all amateur radio licenses.

Because I am filing these comments at the last moment I will make my comments extremely brief.

If the Commission passes the above rule change, it eventually, will eliminate Morse code for the amateur radio operator. Do we want to eliminate a form of communication that has consistently proved it will get through when other forms will not? What type of emergencies are ahead for the U.S.? i.e. How will a dirty bomb affect communications?

Continuos wave (CW) is a very efficient use of the spectrum. Doesn't the Commission want to encourage efficient use?

CW equipment is easy to construct and encourages portable use (think emergencies) and leads to electronic experimentation.

At minimum, I would ask that the Commission consider leaving CW proficiency testing for the Extra class licensee.

Thank you for your consideration

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